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SUBJ: DANISH UN AMBASSADOR "DEMOTED" TO CANADA

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1. DANISH PRESS IS ONCE AGAIN FRONTPAGING THE PROBLEMS OF DANISH UN AMBASSADOR HANS TABOR AS THE RESULT OF HIS ALLEGED MISCONDUCT IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE ON THE PLO REPRESENTATION ISSUE (REF B). TABOR WAS CALLED HOME FOR "CONSULTATIONS" ON NOVEMBER 5, AND LATER THAT DAY THE MFA ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 HE AS TO EXCHANGE JOBS WITH THE PRESENT DANISH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, HENNING HJORTH-NIELSEN. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE "FIRST TIME IN MEMORY" THAT A TOP AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN "DEMOTED" PUBLICLY AND MOVED TO A LESS IMPORTANT POST.

2. THE MFA PRESS STATEMENT REFERRED TO THE PLO CONTRETEMPS AND DESCRIBED THE "SPECIAL FUNCTION" OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND "REQUIRING A SPECIALLY QUALIFIED CONFIDENCE IN THE AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT." FONMIN GULDBERG REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT A UN AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLITICIANS' VIEWS EVEN THOUGH NO INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN PROVIDED.

3. TABOR RETURNED TO NEW YORK NOVEMBER 7. THE WHOLE MATTER WAS SCHEDULED FOR YET MORE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS NEXT WEEK ALTHOUGH IT NOW APPEARS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THIS WILL IN FACT OCCUR.

4. COMMENT. TABOR MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM GULDBERG ON THE PLO QUESTION IN A TIMELY FASHION. IN THEIR ABSENCE TABOR APPARENTLY TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO LEAD NORDIC SUPPORT FOR THE PLO IN THE UN. POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT RADICAL) TODAY ALSO REPORTED THAT THE NORWEGIANS AND THE SWEDES ACCEPTED HIS LEADERSHIP WITH THE UNDERSTANDING IT REFLECTED THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT.

5. HENNING GOTTLIEB, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER, TOLD POL COUNS TODAY THAT THAT WHOLE REGRETTABLE AFFAIR MIGHT HAVE BLOWN OVER HAD NOT TABOR BEEN SO EXPERT IN MAKING ENEMIES AND CREATING CONTEMPT FOR HIMSELF AMONG DANISH POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS.
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